

Wednesday, February 12, 1975

DETROIT

From the new chairman of General Motors - an expression of guarded optimism. Thomas Murphy saying:

"We at General Motors look for a gradual improvement in our nation's economy and in the sales trend of our business."

Adding: "By the end of next month we are hopeful sales results will make our plants so busy no more temporary lay-offs will be necessary." "What we need more than anything" he added, "evidence of forward, constructive movement in Washington."

LINCOLN Memorial

~~The date, February 12th - Lincoln's birthday.~~

~~And so~~ a brief speech ^{today} by President Ford, - about as long as the Gettysburg Address, at a wreath laying ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial. The President paying tribute to Lincoln as ~~"the great emancipator."~~

Also noting that "none of the problems facing us

- are as severe as those that faced Lincoln." "But"

~~he~~ ^{said he} "we are confronted" ~~said he~~ "with the need to achieve economic emancipation." ~~And he added:~~

"The ~~finest~~ finest testimonial I can ~~even~~ conceive

~~for~~ ^{said Pres. Ford - would be} for Abraham Lincoln ^{for} for Congress and the President

to unite at once - in an effective program for national recovery and economic independence."

CAPITOL HILL FOLLOW LINCOLN

~~But Lincoln's birthday or no - the President~~

~~and the Congress were still at logger heads: On~~

Meanwhile on

Capitol Hill the Senate Finance Committee finally

succeeding today in ~~now~~ assembling a quorum, ^{and} ~~whereupon~~

it passed the measure aimed at rescinding the

President's increase in oil import fees. —

~~This~~ by a vote of eleven to ^{two.} ~~two; with one of~~

~~the two voting "nay."~~ ^{Said GOP} Senator Dole of ~~the~~ Kansas -

~~a Republican who had earlier predicted, a bill easily -~~

the President's expected veto will be over-ridden.

WEATHER

In New York, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania a ~~raging~~ blizzard today. ~~The snow coming down~~ In many places ^{snowing} at a rate of about an inch an hour; with fifteen to twenty mile an hour winds - piling up huge drifts, ~~and virtually paralyzing~~ paralyzing traffic. ~~In Philadelphia and especially in New York City a real mess.~~

CAIRO

~~For~~ Secretary of State Kissinger - ~~it was on~~
~~to~~ ⁱⁿ Cairo today ~~Dr. Kissinger~~ ^{was} conferring with Egypt's
President Sadat, - for four hours. ~~during the day and~~
~~again in the evening. Along the way, saying they were~~
~~making~~ Making progress - "in clarifying the issues," he
said, with Sadat ~~Sadat saying~~ adding that the talks so far - have been
"very fruitful."

SEOUL

South Koreans by the millions voted overwhelmingly today ~~in favor of~~ ^{to} retaining their present constitution.

~~The "pro" vote running, at last report, at more than~~

eighty percent of all ballots cast. ~~In effect, a~~

^Q
₁ tremendous vote of confidence for South Korea's

President Park Chung-Hee.

TANANARIVE

At Tananarive in the Malagasy Republic, ~~which~~
~~we once knew as~~ Madagascar - a state of martial law
today. ~~The crack down~~ ^{This} ordered by a nineteen man
military junta - following the assassination of
Malagasy President Colonel Richard Ratsimandrava.
~~The latter's killers~~ ^{His assassins} - said to have been members of
a mutinous police unit. The rest of the unit now
being told to lay down their arms - or else.

TEAR GAS

Starting June One pocket ~~gun~~ sized tear gas pens - the kind that women sometimes carry - will be classified officially as "fire arms." This ~~by~~ ⁱⁿ ~~virtue of~~ an order today - from the U S ~~Dept~~ Treasury Department; ~~which means that~~ ^{Meaning} ~~pushed~~ purchasers will ~~again then~~ have to comply with the same rules - as those applying to real guns. The reason - we ~~are~~ are told in mounting evidence that tear gas pens ^{have been} ~~are being~~ converted to criminal use, - ~~not only~~ by crooks and robbers - ~~but also~~ ^{and by} teen-aged gangs.

COMMONS

The new leader of Britain's Conservative party
was ^{roundly} ~~loudly~~ cheered today - as she assumed her duties
in the House of Commons. Margaret Thatcher then
joining in support of a government move - to give
Queen Elizabeth an ~~an~~ additional six hundred and
forty-eight thousand a year. Mrs Thatcher saying:
"Proper provision must continue to be made - for the
Royal Household." ^{Said she:-} ~~adding~~ "This is our most
precious asset."

PARIS FOLLOW COMMONS

~~Across the Channel~~ In Paris ~~the~~ doctors today confirmed for the first time - that Aristotle Onassis

is suffering from a grave muscular disease. ~~They~~

~~insisted though - this~~ ^{which they say} is "presently under control."

~~But~~ The Greek shipping magnate ^{is} ~~is~~ also said to be

suffering from a heart condition - and a severe case

of jaundice. ~~His doctors saying: "The prognosis remains~~

~~guarded."~~

SAN DIEGO

The U S Navy San Diego moth-ball fleet ^{was} once ~~quite an~~ ^{quite an} armada, of more than two hundred mighty warships. But most have been sold - or otherwise disposed of. And now there are ~~are~~ only twenty-four - soon ~~to be~~ zero. For,

The Navy today ordering ^{ed what} ~~elimination of the last~~ remains of ^{the} ~~the~~ San Diego moth-ball fleet, ^{to be disposed of} by the end of June. ~~These~~ ^{not} Ships ~~that can't be~~ sold for use as war memorials, - or scrap, - to be ^{lined up} ~~used simply~~ for target practice.

DALLAS

From F B I director Clarence Kelly - a call today for another great "hue and cry" against crime. This - in a ~~speech~~ Dallas speech. Kelly recalling early England's "hue and cry" system - for calling out the entire citizenry to help capture a fleeing criminal; adding that there is still a crucial need for total community involvement - ^{to} ~~in~~ capturing ^{the} ~~the~~ law-breakers and reducing ^{the} ~~the~~ crime. "No amount of progress - no degree of sophistication" said he - "will ever raise law enforcement ^{to} ~~to~~ beyond the need for citizen support and assistance."

WASHINGTON

Washington ~~again~~ again - a ceremony today honoring Bob Hope as "the comedian of the century." Also, a surprise guest - ~~in the person of~~ President Ford; who broke up the audience with one of those good-news, bad news jokes.

"The good news" said the President - "is that Bob Hope has been named Comedian of the Century."

"The bad news" said he - "is how am I going to explain this to ~~Earl~~ Earl Lutz.?"